

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & x \\ y & 7 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} x & 0 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find  $(A * B) - C$

$$A * B = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & x \\ y & 7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 - x & 10 + 3x \\ y - 7 & 2y + 21 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\begin{matrix} 2 \times 2 & & 2 \times 2 \\ \uparrow & \longleftarrow & \downarrow \\ & r & \end{matrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} (A * B) - C &= \begin{pmatrix} 5 - x & 10 + 3x \\ y - 7 & 2y + 21 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} x & 0 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 5 - 2x & 10 + 3x \\ y - 6 & 2y + 19 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Recall that we have defined matrix multiplication, which allows us to make statements like

$$AX = B$$

where  $A$ ,  $X$ , and  $B$  are matrices.

• if we knew  $A$  and  $X$  but not  $B$ , we can find  $B$  with just matrix multiplication.

• if we knew  $A$  and  $B$  but not  $X$

- if  $X$  and  $B$  are column vectors, that's exactly what we've been studying

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 0x + 2y + 3z = 3 \\ 1x + 4y + 5z = 5 \\ 0x + 6y + 5z = 6 \end{cases}$$

we've studied this

even if they're not column vectors, we can still use our tools

$$\text{ex } \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ z & w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

A                      X                      B

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{aligned} 5x + 3z &= 2 \\ 5y + 3w &= 7 \\ 2x + 1z &= 1 \\ 2y + 1w &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{aligned} 5x + 0y + 3z + 0w &= 2 \\ 0x + 5y + 0z + 3w &= 7 \\ &\vdots \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

\* Reducing the <sup>augmented</sup> matrix  
 $(A : B)$

here  $\left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 5 & 3 & 2 & 7 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right)$

So good news; our techniques can be used to 'solve for X' in the matrix equation

$$AX = B$$

So what's the problem?

Different B matrix are treated as completely different problems.

Solving  $5x + 3y = 1$   
 $7x - y = 2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 7 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

doesn't help us solve  $5x + 3y = 1$   
 $7x - y = 1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 7 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

If we were given the problem

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 5 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and we were tasked with finding  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  s.t.

$$AX_1 = B_1, \quad AX_2 = B_2, \quad AX_3 = B_3$$

We wouldn't be able to 'reuse' any of our calculations even though A is the same in each problem.

Here finding  $A^{-1}$  (inverse of A) makes our lives much easier

Important things to recall:

- the inverse of the  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is the  $n \times n$  matrix  $A^{-1}$  such that

$$AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = \mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & 0 \\ & \ddots & & \\ 0 & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $\mathbf{I}B = B\mathbf{I} = B$

- If  $A^{-1} = B$

then

$$BA = A^{-1}A = \mathbf{1} = AA^{-1} = AB$$

so

$$AB = BA = \mathbf{1}$$

so

$$B^{-1} = A$$

restated:

$$A^{-1} = B \text{ means } B^{-1} = A$$

or

$$(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$$

If we found  $A^{-1}$  then

$$\begin{aligned}
 AX_1 &= B_1 \\
 \Downarrow \\
 A^{-1}AX_1 &= A^{-1}B_1 \\
 \Downarrow \\
 X_1 &= A^{-1}B_1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 AX_2 &= B_2 \\
 \Downarrow \\
 A^{-1}AX_2 &= A^{-1}B_2 \\
 \Downarrow \\
 X_2 &= A^{-1}B_2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 AX_3 &= B_3 \\
 \Downarrow \\
 A^{-1}AX_3 &= A^{-1}B_3 \\
 \Downarrow \\
 X_3 &= A^{-1}B_3
 \end{aligned}$$

So if we know  $A^{-1}$  then solving a system with  $A$  is done with just matrix multiplication!

ex Find  $X_1, X_2$  where  $AX_1 = B_1$  and  $AX_2 = B_2$   
 where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$   $B_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$   $B_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$

Old method: reduce  $\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 5 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \end{array} \right]$  and interpret

reduce  $\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & -3 \end{array} \right]$  and interpret

new method: first find  $A^{-1}$ . I claim  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

I can check by seeing  $AA^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6-5 & -10+10 \\ 3-3 & -5+6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  ✓

$$X_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} B_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -14 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} B_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

So now we ask how to find  $A^{-1}$

Finding  $A^{-1}$  is the same as solving the equality

$$AX = I$$

we can do this by feeding the augmented matrix

$$(A \mid I)$$

ex  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  find  $A^{-1}$

• ie solving  $AX = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

• reducing  $\left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 := R_1 - R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$

$\xrightarrow{R_2 := R_2 - 2R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 := R_1 + R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 3 \end{array} \right]$

$\xrightarrow{R_2 := -R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{so}} A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

For  $2 \times 2$  matrices, there's a nice formula to calculate inverses

$$\text{if } A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \text{ then } A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$$

ex

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 7 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad A^{-1} = \frac{1}{-2-35} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -5 \\ -7 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/37 & 5/37 \\ 7/37 & -2/37 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad A^{-1} = \frac{1}{18-16} \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -4 \\ -4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -2 & 3/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

non ex

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad A^{-1} = \frac{1}{6-6} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{matrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{matrix}$$

↑ not good

Recall that some systems didn't have unique solutions (either redundant or inconsistent / inf. sol or 0 solutions).

Similarly, some matrices are noninvertible. A noninvertible matrix is singular.



For  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$

$A$  is singular (non-invertible) if and only if  $ad - bc = 0$

In the  $2 \times 2$  case  $ad - bc$  is the determinant of  $A$

In general  $A$  is singular iff its determinant is 0.

ex  $\det \left( \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = (6)(1) - (2)(3) = 0$

so no inverse for  $\begin{pmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

we can try to reduce

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 6 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \longrightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 3 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{array} \right)$$

row of zero's means we can't reduce it to  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  ; stuff

## Using Sage

inputting a matrix :

" A = matrix([[contents of row1],[cont. row2],...]) "

Reduce a matrix :

to reduce matrix B  
first input the matrix B  
then

" B.rref() "

inverse of a matrix :

input the matrix A

" A.inverse() "

algebra :

as expected

\* note : write out implicit multiplication  
do : " 5 \* A " not " 5A "

do : " A \* (B - C) " not " A(B - C) "

transpose :

" A.transpose() " or " A.T "